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### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of the Claims:**

Claim 1 (original): A method for overcoming in-grown hair comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of malonic acid or a salt thereof; and
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior to, concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action from the area with in-grown hair.

Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is tris(hydroxymethyl)methylammonium malonate.

Claim 3 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.

Claim 4 (original): The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is triethanolammonium malonate.

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Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): A method for overcoming in-grown hairs comprising:

providing a cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of a tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane neutralized salt of a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> carboxylic acid; and
- (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

applying the composition to an area of skin having in-grown hair prior to, concurrently with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action from the area with in-grown hair.